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PUBLIC'S PULSE IS SOUGHT

Republican Reason for Looking Around.

COMMITTEE TO ASK QUESTIONS

Fourth District Men Will Consider Before They Commit Party to a Campaign.

IN the hands of five men rests the canvassing of Republican opinion in Honolulu as to the propriety of the nomination of a candidate to fill the vacant seat in the Legislature, which was occupied by the late A. F. Gilliland. The committee, appointed at the meeting of the Republican Fourth District Convention yesterday has until Monday afternoon to formulate its report upon the advisability of taking action, and as well who is the proper man to make the race, if it is decided to nominate.

The meeting of the convention, in the headquarters of the Territorial committee yesterday afternoon, was full of oratory, almost every member taking a hand in the debates. There was early evident a division of opinion, but the matter was handled without any acrimony and the decision to place the responsibility of reporting upon the pulse of the party in the city was a unanimous one. There was a change in the leadership, caused by the resignation of Chairman Boyd of the committee, and the election of A. V. Gear to fill the seat. There was filled the vacancy in the representation of the second precinct, caused by the death of a member, by the giving to L. A. Andrews and Andrew Brown, a full vote each, instead of the half vote to which they were formerly entitled. The vacancies in the fourth and seventh precincts were left unfilled, owing to a desire to secure the entrance into the committee of labor men.

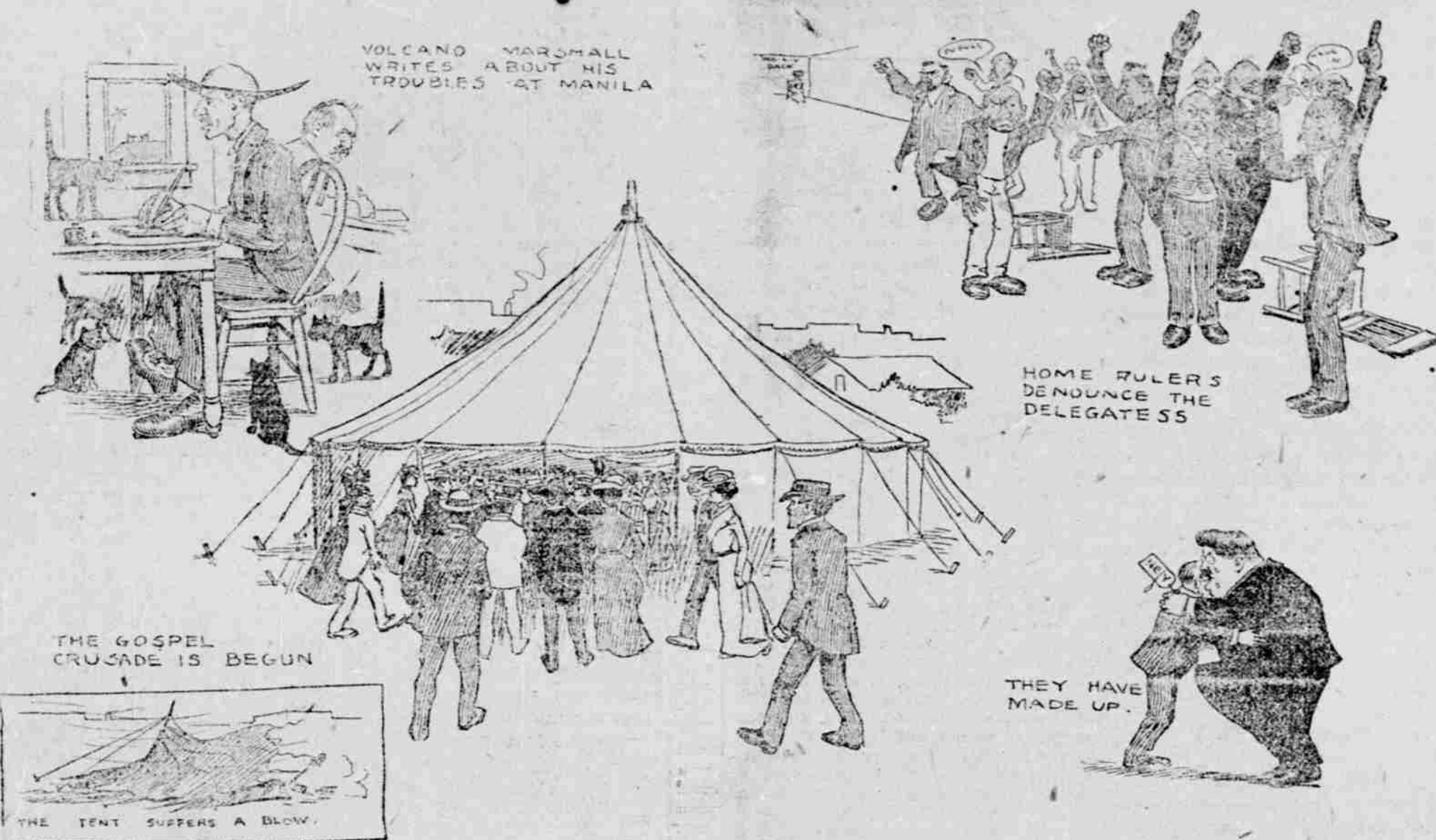
When the convention was called to order there were present Chairman J. H. Boyd and Messrs. Crabbe, Johnson, McVeigh, Wilcox, Gear, Brown, Wolf, Wilson, Burgess, Fisher, Kela, Kehokai and Secretary Conner. Chairman Boyd read the letter from the Territorial committee, and then said that there was another matter which he would bring up, the election of a chairman to succeed him, as he felt that holding the position which he now occupied he should not be in the place. He said he realized the honor which had been conferred upon him in his election, but he hoped the committee would recognize the reasons why he wished to quit. He said he would like to remain in the committee and do all in his power for the party.

On motion of Burgess his resignation was accepted and then there was a demand that the place be filled by the election of J. H. Fisher. That member objected, however, saying that his duties as secretary of the Territorial committee made it inadvisable that he take another position. Andrew Brown then nominated A. V. Gear, and he was elected without dissent.

Boyd called attention to the fact that there was a paragraph in the letter which referred to a platform, and suggested that this should be given first attention; perhaps it would be wise to appoint a committee to frame such a platform as was needed. Crabbe moved that the platform of the last Territorial convention be adopted with a change in the paragraph concerning city and county government, so that instead of a declaration in favor of such laws "when advisable," that the next Legislature should provide the legislation. He said that the time had come for a decided stand on this point. He had talked with Home Rulers, and they would have such a paragraph, and it was taking very well with the native voters.

Boyd raised the question that this committee could not pledge the next convention and platform of the Territorial convention was the party constitution, and he did not think it could be changed. He thought the course would be to endorse the last platform and then pass a resolution advising the immediate passage of bills tending to secure municipal government. After some discussion, Wilson said it was his opinion that the platform could be en-

PICTORIAL HISTORY OF THE WEEK



WARREN BACK IN PORT WITH PROPELLER BLADES BROKEN

The Big Transport Lost One Blade Between San Francisco and Honolulu and Another After Leaving Here.

THE transport Warren sailed for Manila before breakfast yesterday morning and about 3 o'clock in the afternoon was sighted coming back. Much speculation was rife as to the cause of her return, and it was at first thought that it was because she was leaking, for when she arrived here on Wednesday, she was taking considerable water from a crevice in the stern gland packing.

When the Warren docked about 4 o'clock at the Naval wharf it was learned that the cause of her return to port was of a much more serious nature than had been anticipated.

After the transport had proceeded about two hours on her way yesterday morning it was discovered that she had lost a blade of her propeller. This wouldn't have interfered with her progress had it not been for the fact that during the trip from San Francisco she also lost a propeller blade and this, with yesterday's loss, rendered her well nigh helpless.

The Warren has on board 955 souls, all told, including 402 men of the Second Battalion of the Fifteenth Infantry and 378 casuals and recruits. With the prospect of a lengthy stay in port the question of accommodating the troops on shore was given immediate attention, and shortly after sundown the men were marched to the parade ground in front of the drillshed, where tents were pitched and a regular camp established. All night long sentries walked their posts and for the first time in years the familiar military call of "Corporal of the guard, number —," broke the silence of the night, as every now and again a stranger who had business with the officer of the day accepted a sentry.

The men will not mess in camp this morning, but will march to the transport for rations. It is probable that they will occupy the parade ground until the Warren sails again.

The Warren is a single screw boat, is said to have been fitted with a fine propeller as any vessel in the transport service. The blades are of the toughest bronze, and are valued at \$1500 each, so that the loss of two or even one is quite a serious matter.

It is not the cost, however, which is counted upon in the present dilemma of the big white ship; it is the question of repairs and whether or not new blades can be fitted here. The Warren has a couple of second-hand blades on board, but their attaching will be a matter of considerable difficulty, even if it can be accomplished at all.

In order to get the propeller shaft out of the water, the transport will have to be tipped up, or in the parlance of the waterfront "stood on her head." It is not thought possible that divers can compass the job of fixing the new blades. To tip the ship pontoons will probably be requisitioned which will have to be sunk and then pumped out. Experts, however, declared last night that such work could not be undertaken at the Naval wharf on account of there not being enough water to allow of the vessel's bow being depressed sufficiently to bring her stern out of the water the required distance.

If the necessary repairs can be made here they should take about a week to accomplish, but should it be found that such is not the case, the transport may be detained in port indefinitely.

The naval people have nothing to do with the transport matters which belong to the United States Army Transport Department, of which Captain Williamson is the local head. Nevertheless, the only capable construction man in town at present is said to be Carpenter Pender. Captain Williamson will therefore let the contract for the attaching of the two new propeller blades and the work will probably be done much cheaper by an outside contractor than were it attended to by the department within whose province it comes, had that department repairing facilities of its own on hand.

The Warren is in many respects a notable ship, especially as far as Honoluluans are concerned. It was she that brought news of the death of President McKinley last fall. In November of last year she was reported lost in the Island Sea. The fact of the matter was that she struck a shoal in Shimoneki Straits and after transferring her troops to the Hancock, was taken to Nagasaki, where it was found that she had not sustained any serious damage.

In a sampan on Thursday morning and had not returned. On Thursday afternoon two Japanese had gone to look for the missing one, and they had not come back. Yesterday morning a big sampan manned by eight men had departed in search of the two lost boats, and they likewise were missing.

The Japanese feared that they had all been carried out to sea and would surely be drowned unless Lieutenant Rodman would go to their assistance. The Lieutenant agreed, and with the Japanese on board to show the way, the Iroquois soon poked her nose outside.

As she went out she passed the quarantine launch coming in with eight men on board, who had been picked up while

fighting for their lives in the surf outside the bar. The launch was returning from the bark Kaulani and those on board noticed the Japanese clinging to their overturned boat which was whirling about in the wild waters, she was sent to the rescue.

The Iroquois cruised about until 5 o'clock and during that time sighted two sampans anchored quite a way Ewa of the harbor mouth. She bore down on them, but they did not need assistance, and the tug therefore returned. A little later on the government tug Eleu, not to be outdone by the Iroquois in the matter of life-saving, started out to do a little rescuing on her own account and spying the two boats which the Iroquois had first left over to them and rescued them in spite of themselves, towing them to port in triumph.

While the two tugs were chasing glory and honor on the salty deep with varying degrees of success, the Young boys swept the horizon with their glasses and spotting a sampan in evident distress, gallantly put out in one of their launches and arrived on the spot just as the frail craft was overturned and its two occupants thrown into the seething water. The rescuers managed to haul the unfortunate Japanese on board, and also, with the greatest of difficulty, to tow the overturned sampan into the harbor.

Late last night it was reported that two more boats with seven Japanese on board were still out, and it is probable that a search for them will be made this morning.

STUDYING TEMPERANCE.

The Research Club Has an Interesting Symposium.

Several phases of the temperance question were presented before the Research Club last evening, some of which were new and some old, while the main question as it is looked upon by the average business man, was well canvassed. The meeting was held at the residence of President Arthur Maxson Smith, of Oahu College. The principal papers and addresses were given by C. L. Rhodes, Ed Towse and Dan Case, all of which were listened to attentively, the evening concluding with a general and exhaustive discussion of many of the points brought out. In the discussion the idea of local option for such a community as this was favored, prohibition was viewed as a measure which would not get a foothold. Among those present at the meeting were P. M. Pond, president; W. A. Bryan, secretary; Dr. Smith, Professor Dyke, Ed Towse, C. L. Rhodes, George McClellan, M. K. Nakulua, Theodore Richards, W. C. Weedon, Capt. Bray, Jonathan Austin, Inspector Keen and Dan Case.

WEATHER BUREAU.

HONOLULU, Alexander St., February 28, 1902.

Mean Temperature—67.

Minimum Temperature—63.

Maximum Temperature—72.

Barometer at 9 p. m.—30.09; irregular.

Rainfall, 24 hours up to 9 a. m.—.61.

Mean Dew Point for the Day—54.

Minimum Relative Humidity—65.

Winds—North-northeast to north, 6 to 2; weather, northerly gales with rain in the valleys; moderated at night.

Forecast for Today—Northerly winds and cool weather; rain, uncertain.

CURTIS J. LYONS, Territorial Meteorologist.

The President has cut out the hand-shaking feature at the White House, but the knee-shaking by visiting office holders is still painfully plenty.—Atlanta Constitution.

JAPANESE FISHERMEN WERE IN PERIL OFF THIS PORT

A number of Japanese in sampans, exposed to the full force of the north-easterly gale, rocking between life and death just outside the harbor, and some of them rapidly drifting out to sea and certain death, set the town talking, and kept the tugs Iroquois and Eleu and one of Young Brothers' launches busy for several hours saving lives yesterday afternoon.

About 3 o'clock in the afternoon a Japanese in a great state of excitement and perturbation sought out Lieutenant Rodman, commander of the U. S. S. Iroquois and told him a tale of countrymen in distress, which was both pitiful and harrowing. In graphic terms the little brown man related how one of his brother fishermen had gone out

in a sampan on Thursday morning and had not returned. On Thursday afternoon two Japanese had gone to look for the missing one, and they had not come back. Yesterday morning a big sampan manned by eight men had departed in search of the two lost boats, and they likewise were missing.

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WAYS TO WAKE UP WIRELESS

Business Men May Reorganize the Company.

LISTEN TO TALES OF THE FAILURE

Full Reports Will Be Given and Action May Follow—History of Experiments.

WITHIN the next two weeks a plan may be evolved whereby the Inter-Island Telegraph Co., operating a wireless system, may secure sufficient backing to enable it to resume business. A meeting of the stockholders, directors and members of several large sugar firms was held yesterday afternoon at Castle & Cooke's office, the outcome of which was a verbal understanding between the directors and the representatives of the various firms, that the question of the reorganization of the company would be seriously considered when a detailed report was made out. This must show the company's liabilities, its relations and contracts with Marconi and the royalties to be paid to the inventor, and a list of the local creditors and stockholders showing what the latter had paid in on the stock subscribed, and what is delinquent. When this statement is presented, giving the firms something tangible upon which to figure, as to whether or not the company can be reorganized on a paying business, then serious consideration will be given to plans for putting the system again in working order. If it is opened it will be with the backing of such firms as Alexander & Baldwin, T. H. Davies & Co. and Harkfeld & Co.

W. F. Allen, J. P. Cooke and F. M. Swanson, who were present at the meeting, while viewing the proceedings conservatively, were agreed that the wireless telegraph system, when in working order, was a benefit to the business men of the islands, and they expressed the hope that when the officials of the company presented a statement upon which they could work, that they would be able to assist it. Manager Cross said that if the money was forthcoming the system could be put in operation within two weeks, as the operators were still available, and the new tubes and batteries ready to be installed.

The meeting was attended by President and Manager Cross, Secretary W. R. Farrington, Treasurer C. J. Hutchins, Auditor R. C. Brown and W. F. Allen, F. M. Swanson, J. P. Cooke and Mr. Cutton of Canton & Neill. Attorney Frank Thompson was also present to represent the stockholders. The Treasurer's report in printed form was read by the Secretary. This showed local liabilities of about \$7000, to which was also added Manager Cross' claim for salary of \$4500, making a total of about \$12,000. There is also a suit pending in the local courts, brought by Marconi against Mr. Cross, who signed the original contract, which was later turned over to the wireless company. This is for several thousand dollars. The representatives of the business houses were not willing to be saddled with debts of an unknown quantity, and a clear statement of every liability, every asset, and all probable sources of revenue from assessments was requested.

The manager showed that the business was on the increase when the trouble with Expert Gray, representing Marconi, occurred, after which the business began to lessen, the mechanism deteriorated, and at last the company was compelled to close down. Mr. Farrington said that business made sense, and that what was true of all telegraph companies, was true of the local concern. It had to commence with small beginnings, but with the system kept in good working order, the business would increase. Mr. Hutchins said that Marconi had broken his contract with the company, by not furnishing duplicate mechanism. It was stated that Marconi had repudiated his statement that the contract was made, he did not have anything to furnish in Hawaii when the contract was made. He had already been paid \$3000. It was stated that Gray was the stumbling block, and had it not been for him the trouble between Marconi and the company would not have occurred.

Mr. Farrington said that the original

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